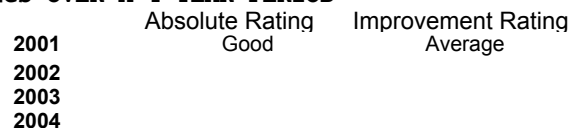


ABSOLUTE RATING: Good
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Average

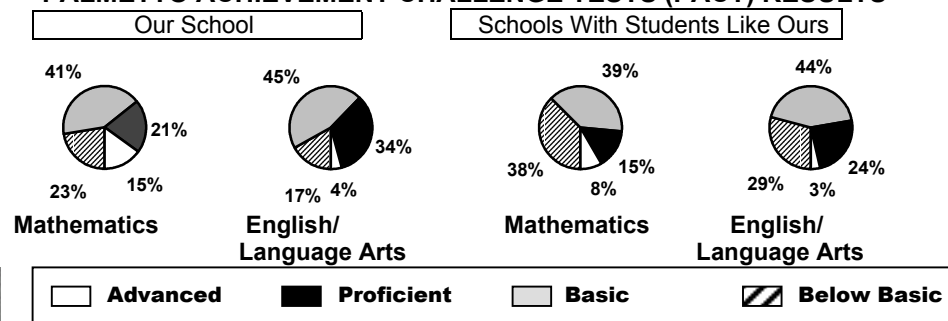
Number of middle schools with students similar to ours: 53. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from below average to good. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to good.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD



(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on 2004 School Report Cards. Social studies scores are to be reported on 2005 School Report Cards.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT

Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=716)	83.1%	77.4%	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=99)	62.6%	36.4%		
Students without disabilities (n=613)	86.9%	84.5%		
Gender				
Male (n=343)	77.8%	77.3%		
Female (n=365)	89.3%	78.6%		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=57)	75.4%	64.9%		
Hispanic (n=4)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=647)	84.7%	79.1%		
Other (n=N/A)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=280)	76.8%	70%		
Pay for lunch (n=428)	88.3%	83.2%		

SCHOOL PROFILE INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$4,087	N/A	\$5,118	\$5,127
• Prime instructional time	90.6%	Up from 89.9%	90%	89.6%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	18.6 to 1	N/A	21.2 to 1	21.4 to 1
STUDENTS (n=816)				
• Attendance rate	95.8%	Up from 95.4%	95.7%	95.7%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	10.7%	N/A	3.6%	4.5%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	8.8%	N/A	3.7%	4.0%
• Retention rate	2%	Up from 1.9%	4.2%	4.5%
TEACHERS (n=52)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	7.7 Days	Up from 6.9	8.2 Days	8.0 Days
• Attendance Rate	96.2%	Up from 95.5%	95.4%	95.2%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	51.9%	Down from 56.4%	45.9%	45.8%
• Continuing contract teachers	80.8%	Down from 85.5%	82.3%	80.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	1.9%	Up from 0%	2.7%	2.4%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	84.8%	Down from 90.1%	85.7%	83.7%
• Average teacher salary	\$37,475	Up 1.9%	\$37,895	\$37,455

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	66.2%	N/A	61.1%	61.5%
• Principal's years at the school	7	N/A	3	3.0
• Parents attending conferences	91.7%	N/A	81.2%	78.2%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	41.8%	45.8%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	1.3%	Down from 2.4%	4%	4.5%
• Suspended or expelled	19	N/A	19	15
• Enrolled in high school credit courses	10.8%	N/A	14%	13.2%
• Gifted and talented	13.9%	Down from 17.6%	15%	12.1%
• With disabilities other than speech	18.9%	Up from 16%	14.4%	13.6%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

Palmetto Middle continues its "Stampede to Excellence." After receiving the middle school Award of Excellence from SCASA in 2000, Palmetto Middle was named a National Service Learning Leader School by the Corporation for National Service in 2001, one of only 30 middle schools selected nationally. Our teachers and staff continue to ensure a diverse and challenging educational experience for all of our students. Our School Improvement Council, in cooperation with our District Board of Trustees, secured funds for a new intercom system, improved entry and exit ways for school safety, as well as improvements in the auditorium and media center. Our special programs, such as EXCEL, Palmetto's Finest Recognition, Pillars of Character, and Service Learning, provide all of our students with the opportunities to learn and grow both in and out of the classroom. Other accomplishments include the following:

Received over \$20,000 in grant money to fund various activities throughout the school;

PTSO issued a \$5,000 check to purchase a new sound system for our auditorium and gymnasium;

SWOOSH program continued to prove successful in preparing students for success in the classroom;

Student Council received Goal Level status for the third year in a row;
School Resource Officer insured student safety through implementation of the Second Step Program and Disaster Response Plan;

29 students were recognized at the county and/or state level for their ability in art, band and/or composition;

18 students were recognized for their science project at the Regional Science Fair at Clemson University;

16 eighth grade students were honored as Junior Scholars;

590 awards were presented to students for their achievement at this year's

Awards Ceremony

After a six-week enrichment program provided for our students this summer, we will expand our after-school program this fall to two hours per day during the school year. This was made possible by a \$480,000 grant in the form of a 21st Century Learning Center.

Student success is our destination, and we refuse to allow obstacles to intervene in our "Stampede to Excellence." Visit us on the web at

www.anderson1.k12.sc.us/schools/pmms.

Barry Knight, Principal

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	84.9	76.8	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	90.4	70.6	
Satisfied with home-school relations	66.7	89.7	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Palmetto Middle
803 North Hamilton St.
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Grades 5-8 Middle School

Enrollment: 816 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Good



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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